



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

15 MAR 2001

CECW-PM (1105)

FOR Commander, Southwestern Division (Attn: CESWD-ET-P)

SUBJECT: Implementation of Section 335 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA 2000) - San Antonio Channel, San Antonio, Texas

1. Section 335 of WRDA 2000 provides:

The project for flood control, San Antonio Channel, Texas, authorized by section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1954 (68Stat. 1259) as part of the comprehensive plan for flood protection on the Guadalupe and San Antonio Rivers in Texas, and modified by section 103 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2921), is further modified to include environmental restoration and recreation as project purposes.

Section 335 adds "environmental restoration" and "recreation" as project purposes to the authorized San Antonio project. Section 335 does not specifically indicate what features or project costs are associated with this authorization.

2. As the authorized project is ongoing, a new start study is not required. Using available project funds, conduct an initial assessment to determine the potential scope of Federal interest (types of features, approximate scale and cost, and estimated outputs). This initial assessment will be funded at 100 percent Federal cost, will have a maximum cost of \$100,000, and will be subject to certification by CECW-P.

3. Assuming the initial appraisal finds that further studies are warranted, an agreement, based on the format of a feasibility cost sharing agreement, will be prepared and executed prior to initiation of a cost shared General Reevaluation Report (GRR).

a. These GRR activities will be subject to concurrent non-Federal financing of 50 percent of the cost of these efforts. Based on the cost sharing applicable to each project purpose, adjustments to reflect project cost allocations will be included in the PCA, and will be paid during the first year of construction. If funds are included for the GRR in the FY 2002 Construction General budget, the amount for this work should be identified in the FY 2002 budget justification sheet for the San Antonio channel project.

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b. The GRR must include full NEPA documentation. All new project features / components must be formulated and subject to economic and/or cost effectiveness - incremental cost analysis. Recreation features must be economically justified.

c. The addition of the two project purposes does not mean that any and all ecosystem restoration or recreation components desired by the non-Federal sponsor are authorized or in the Federal interest. A determination will have to be made at the Washington level as to whether the new proposal may be constructed within existing project authorization, or if additional Congressional authorization is required.

d. The GRR and completed NEPA documentation will be the project decision document and will be forwarded to the ASA(CW) for approval. The approved GRR will serve as the basis for approving the PCA and for a new construction start decision.

e. The study phases will be conducted with the same HQ oversight as with traditional feasibility studies. Both a GRR scoping meeting and alternative formulation briefing will be required.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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